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When some people try to be serious they appear ridiculous.

Some people think a great deal of themselves and yet they may be thoughtless.

Manner is much. A man always looks better when he carries himself well than when a couple of friends are trying to carry him.

SENATOR MARTIN will succeed himself as United States Senator from Virginia. He was nominated on the first ballot by a joint caucus of the Democratic members of the General Assembly, which is equivalent to his election. Senator Martin received 103 votes and Governor Tyler 27.

A DISPATCH has been received at the Navy Department from the commander of the Naval Station at Cavite, stating that the Charleston, wrecked Nov. 2, was probably a total loss. The cruiser lies on an open reef, and undoubtedly, her bottom has been pounded out in the heavy seas. It may be possible to save some of the guns and equipment of the vessel.

A COMMISSION, appointed by the Planters and Farmers' Association of Cuba, called on the President last week, and asked that he provide for the establishment of an agricultural bank at Havana, with branches in the principal cities of the island, so that money could be obtained easily by the planters on crop and land security. Later, the commission conferred with Secretary Gage of the Treasury Department.

A VERY remarkable showing of receipts from all sources of the Island of Cuba for the month of October, 1899, has been made public by the War Department. The total receipts for the month are \$1,423,650.77. These receipts comprise customs to the amount of \$1,322,297.56; postal receipts to the amount of \$12,000; internal revenue receipts to the amount of \$67,186.95, and miscellaneous receipts to the amount of \$12,166.26.

In his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, Gov. Brady, of Alaska, states that the territory desires to be taken into the Union as a state, and it is probable that Congress will be called upon to act in the matter this winter. The salmon fisheries form an interesting feature of the report, as does also gold mining. For the latter, proper machinery is greatly in demand. This year, the salmon fisheries produced 1,000,000 cases and 15,000 barrels, the total value being not less than \$4,120,000.

According to the latest instructions from the Navy Department to Rear Admiral Schley, he will not visit South Africa with the Chicago, the flagship of the South Atlantic Squadron. Besides the Chicago, the Wilmington and the Montgomery are attached to the squadron, the Wilmington being at Buenos Ayres and the Montgomery at Montevideo. The order to Admiral Schley directs him to inspect both these vessels and await further orders before visiting any African port.

A LOOK in our merchants' windows and stores shows the largest and best stock of Christmas goods we have had here for several years, and custom is good. To see the many well-filled baskets going home reminds one of old times. Much out-of-town trade is being done; in fact one of our butchers runs a delivery wagon three miles. When the furnace blows in next week, it will spend \$1,000 a day for ore, coke, coal, limestone and labor; and when the other stack starts this expenditure will be doubled.

To Repeal Walton Law.

Hon. H. J. Ayers has introduced in the House of Delegates a bill to repeal the original Walton Law with all its amendments. This bill is in-

roduced separate and distinct from any other or new election law, and is intended to wipe out the present obnoxious election law and clear the way for the enactment of entirely new legislation upon the subject.

The bill of Mr. Ayers is the first measure introduced upon the subject, and he has thus early in the session commenced to carry out the pledges made his constituents that he would introduce and advocate the passage of a bill repealing the law.

The Telephone Exchange.

In last week's issue of the Big Stone Gap Post, we noticed an impassioned and emphatic complaint from "A Subscriber" concerning the telephone service. There has been, no doubt, some ground for dissatisfaction, but we feel sure that "A Subscriber," when he penned his article, was ignorant of the steps that are being taken to better the condition of the telephone system. The old plant, in our judgment, is incapable of giving the best service, and we have decided to rebuild it to a large extent, and to use the latest and most substantial equipments. A new and heavy trunk line is now being constructed from Clintwood, Dickenson county, to Big Stone Gap, via Toms Creek, Coeburn, Tacoma, Ramsey, Wise, Norton and Appalachia. The holes have been dug, and the poles are in the ground from Clintwood to Tacoma, and a good force of men are pushing the work to completion. New switchboards have arrived for Norton, Wise, Coeburn, Toms Creek and Clintwood, and those for the first two named places are about wired in. A two hundred drop switchboard was shipped from Roanoke last week for Big Stone Gap, and will be installed before many days. Some new phones have already been placed, and we expect to place others wherever the old instruments will not give satisfaction.

There has been, it is true, much delay in the inauguration of these improvements, but it has been due to the fact that those towns that entered into contracts with us demanded our first and best attention, and the scarcity of skilled laborers prevented us from working at all points at the same time. However, it is our aim to make the Big Stone Gap exchange equal to any. We realize that it is to our interest as well as to the interest of subscribers to have good service. By February 1st, next, and soon if practicable, we hope to have everything operating so nicely as to elicit from "A Subscriber" a commendatory article in the Post under the nom de plume of "Pleased Patron."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Senator Mason will lose confidence in his ability as a sensation-maker, if he makes a few more attempts in that line that fall as flat as his resolution of sympathy for the Boers and his speech thereon. If he really thinks, as he says he does, that the case is similar to the case of the Cubans when they were in revolt against Spain, he thinks practically alone. The war in Cuba was right at our doors and affecting the interests of thousands of Americans, while the war in South Africa is thousands of miles away and affects the interest of about as few Americans as any foreign war could. Of course, every American would like to see peace over there, but as the belligerents have not asked for our good offices, a fact noted by the President in his message, it would be a sort of international impertinence for us to interfere in any way, and the adoption by either branch of Congress, of a resolution of sympathy for either side would certainly and rightly be regarded as interference. This government is neutral, and because of that neutrality, the President referred a petition from the Hollanders of Michigan, asking him to use his good offices to bring about peace, to the Department of State without action.

The House Committee that is investigating Roberts is holding daily sessions and hopes to get its report ready in a few days. It requires no gift of prophecy to say that the report will be adverse to Roberts, but the attempts to say just what shape it will take, which are being made, are simply guesses. The Committee will conclude the investigation before deciding the scope of its report. Mr. Roberts shows very plainly by his talks before the Committee, that he doesn't expect to get the seat, or rather to keep it, if allowed to be sworn in; also that he is a pretty shrewd lawyer, and well posted in parliamentary practice.

The resolution offered by Senator Lodge, and adopted by the Senate, requesting the Department of State to investigate the report that Great Britain was negotiating with Ecuador, for the purchase of the Galapagos Islands, has been referred to the U. S. Minister at Quito, for an investigation and report. It is known, however, that there has been no negotiations by Great Britain, and thought that the sole object of the resolution is to open the way to the purchase of the Islands by this government, to be used as a naval station, their location making them especially desirable for that purpose, after the Isthmian Canal has been constructed. The Navy Department has already had the Islands examined by an officer, and ascertained that only one of them is now inhabited, and that only by one man, a naturalized American.

FURNACE READY.

Will Be Put in Blast in a Few Days.

The Big Stone Gap Iron Company have their furnace almost ready to put in blast and will do so before another issue of this paper. They expect to be making iron by Monday of next week.

Everything is now in perfect order and the furnace is in better condition for making iron than at any time in the history of the plant.

Many thousands of tons of ore is in the stock house and in a few days they will be receiving from 200 to 300 tons per day. There will be no scarcity of supplies, as the company have contracts calling for an abundance of everything needed to operate the furnace.

The clinder engine, which has been thoroughly overhauled and is now ready for work, has received a new bell, which was made by Mr. E. J. Bird, Jr., at Ironton, Ohio, and presented to the company as a present. It was cast from the first iron made at this furnace, when it was built and put in operation.

The Big Stone Gap Iron Company deserve to be congratulated for the rapid progress they have made in getting the furnace ready for work. Notwithstanding the rush with which everything was done, the work is all first class and up-to-date.

Lookout for the furnace light—you will see it in a very few evenings, which will remind us of the older days in Big Stone Gap.

NEW VILLAGE.

Springing up on the Va. & S. W. R. R.—Will Probably be Named Hornick in Honor of Capt. Hornick, of this Place.

The tract of land recently purchased from the Interstate Coal and Iron Company by the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company near Wards Mills, is likely to prove one of the most valuable properties in all this section. Iron ore is said to exist in abundance, and the new owners are making extensive preparations for mining and shipping the same. They have already a large number of men at work mining the ore and preparing it for shipment, and a large quantity is now ready to be put aboard the cars, and will be done so just as soon as the necessary sidetrack and other mining appliances can be gotten in place.

The company has already built 20 houses and will build 50 or 60 more, including a fine commissary, which is now under construction. The scene of this operation is about 2 miles this side of Wards Mills and is on the Virginia and Southwestern railroad. It has been suggested—and a good suggestion it is—that the place be named Hornick, in honor of the superintendent, Capt. R. Hornick. The Post insists on that name, as Mr. Hornick is one of the most popular contractors in Southwest Virginia, and naming the place in honor of him would be no mistake.

Is Baby Too Thin?

If so, there must be some trouble with its food. Well babies are plump; only the sick are thin. Are you sure the food is all right? Children can't help but grow; they must grow if their food nourishes them. Perhaps a mistake was made in the past and as a result the digestion is weakened. If that is so, don't give the baby a lot of medicine; just use your every-day common sense and help nature a little, and the way to do it is to add half a teaspoonful of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

to the baby's food three or four times a day. The gain will begin the very first day you give it. It seems to correct the digestion and gets the baby started right again. If the baby is nursing but does not thrive, then the mother should take the emulsion. It will have a good effect both upon the mother and child. Twenty-five years proves this fact.

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"Strike For Your Altars and Your Fires."

Patriotism is always commendable, but in every breast there should be not only the desire to be a good citizen, but to be strong, able bodied and well fitted for the battle of life. To do this, pure blood is absolutely necessary, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one specific which cleanses the blood thoroughly. It acts equally well for both sexes and all ages.

Humor—"When I need a blood purifier I take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures my humor and is excellent as a nerve tonic." Josie Eaton, Stafford Springs, Ct.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappears

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

LOONEY CREEK.

Work on Coke Ovens at that Place Being Pushed.

The work of building coke ovens at Looney Creek by the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company is being pushed rapidly. The foundations for 82 ovens are about complete and the brick work will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. It is the intention of this company to build several hundred ovens at that place.

They have employed there in the coal mines and in the construction of ovens some two or three hundred men and the place is now quite a village and will grow rapidly as the work progresses.

Looney Creek is about 2½ miles from Big Stone Gap and is at the terminus of the Virginia and Southwestern railroad, and the coke made there will be shipped to the furnaces at Bristol and Embreeville, which can be hauled all the way over the company's own road.

Looney Creek being so near to Big Stone Gap the employment of several hundred men there will greatly benefit the merchants of this place.

Fast Bicycle Riding.

In New York a few days ago Mr. C. E. Hartman, captain of the Columbia Rough Riders, which is the name of a bicycle club in that city, rode 102½ miles in 5 hours and 22 minutes of continual riding. The route Mr. Hartman took was from Harlem River bridge to Rockaway Beach and returned via Jamaica, Lynbrook, Valley Stream and Hempstead, all of which are in the vicinity of New York.

M. E. L. Harper, Jr., secretary of the Big Stone Gap Iron Company of this place, is president of the Columbia Rough Riders, and delights in telling of the many excellent qualities of its members.

LEE COUNTY ORE.

Rich Mines in Lee County to be Developed.

Says the Jonesville correspondent of the Richmond News: The great revival in the iron industry which came with the higher prices for iron of all kinds is now causing great developments in this county in the discovery and mining of iron ore.

Mining companies have recently been leasing and buying extensively of the mineral lands which lie near the railroad, where the mined ore can be easily shipped. The richest mines yet found by this company have lately been opened on the north side of the Poor Valley ridge, about four miles north of Jonesville. Some seven or eight openings have been made at this place, disclosing a very rich vein of red hematite ore, which varies in thickness from three and one-half to fifteen feet and seems to extend for miles along this high ridge. The ore is in a position to be easily worked and is, at no place, more than two hundred yards of the railroad track. It can be carried on a tramroad to the siding and dumped from the tipples, which has already been constructed, into the cars at comparatively little expense. Experts have estimated that it will take from fifteen to twenty years to mine all the ore in sight at this place.

It is passing strange that the wealth of this section in this respect has not been before particularly noticed. Not two years ago this same land could have been purchased at the price of one dollar per acre, and at the same time there was lying on top of the ground, overgrown with moss, great boulders of iron ore.

A great rush is on to secure mineral land in this county; and a greater portion of all near the railroad have already been either leased or bought outright, and also much of the land on Wallen's Ridge, lying in the southeastern part of the county is being leased or optioned to the different mining companies who are represented in this section. The prospecting which has been done by experts on Wallen's Ridge shows it to be very rich in deposits of iron ore.

These two ridges lie from five to ten miles apart and run parallel with each other for almost the entire length of the county. Between them lies the Powell valley, which contains some of the richest agricultural and grazing lands in the state.

Jno. W. Daniel for President.

The Richmond Times is "booming" Senator Daniel as a Presidential candidate for 1900. Of course we all

would like to see Senator Daniel in the Presidential chair, but the Times is on the wrong track. The time has not come yet when a Southern man can be elected President, and won't come for a good while yet. The south has not been sufficiently "reconstructed" yet, in the eyes of our northern friends, to be honored by the election of a "mild soldier" president of the nation.—Cinch Valley News.

FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, Va., Dec. 12.—The poles for the electric wires are all set and we now only await the dynamo to shed a flood of light on the town, and give the necessary power in the mines to run the plant up to date.

When the ovens which are rapidly nearing completion are finished, this will be one of the largest and most complete plants in the south, and the system and discipline used in running it is about as near perfection as you can find.

Rev. John C. Cook, of the M. E. Church, South, preached the pulpit of the Stonega church on last Sabbath, and preached morning and evening here, and at French Creek in the afternoon. He begins a series of meetings on Tuesday night, and will continue them for a few evenings if any interest is manifested. Rev. Cook is a forcible expounder of the Scriptures.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Boyd and infant left on Monday evening for their future home in Scotland, Pa., where Mr. Boyd goes to fill a position on the H. C. Frick engineering corps.

Archie Graham, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., is the latest addition to the working force of the mining staff, coming amongst us last week.

The late fall of beautiful snow caused the economical young man to consider whether it would not be better to marry now than to run the risk of having to take her sleighing.

Dr. Underwood has gone back to Pennsylvania on an extended visit to old friends.

A Thousand Tongues.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I had scarcely remembered doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at J. W. Kelly's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

FROM BUCU.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

BUCU, Va., Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Counts, of Wayne county, W. Va., are now visiting their many relatives in Dickenson and Russell counties. We wish them a pleasant visit.

James H. Rasmick, of Grizzle, has been visiting relatives in Russell county for the past two weeks.

The Delosh Bros. are now building a new incline road from their saw mill to connect with their old incline road a half mile distant. This company is wide-awake and enterprising.

A few days ago Asa Cumbs, of Cornhill, was so unfortunate as to get one of his legs broken by a log striking him while working in a field near his residence.

G. A. Farber, of the firm of Price and Head, accompanied by O. F. Hughes and Elijah Delosh, were in this vicinity this week inspecting poplar trees, known here as the Pack timber, with a view to buying the same. We are informed that there are about 6,800 of the Pack trees in this section.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rasmick, of Grizzle, a few days ago a fine girl. The little people here are beginning to see visions of Santa Claus and the nice things he is supposed to bring them for the Christmas holidays.

A few days ago Elfin, little son of Eld. Wm. B. Sutherland, of Colley, fell and struck one of his knees against the blade of an ax frightfully cutting the same. The wound is thought to be dangerous.

Calvin M. Powers, of Bart's Lick, is visiting relatives in this vicinity this week.

Eld. Wm. B. Sutherland was here yesterday on business. OBERKILLER.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.



The Coming of Baby

brings joy or pain. It's for the mother to decide. With good health and a strong womanly organism, motherhood adds to a woman's attractiveness.

McELREE'S

Wine of Cardui

takes away all terrors by strengthening the vital organs. It fits a mother for baby's coming. By revitalizing the nerve centres it has brought chubby, crowing youngsters to thousands of weak women who feared they were barren. It purifies, heals, regulates and strengthens, and is good for all women at all times. No drugist would be without it. \$1.00

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

MRS. LOUISA HALE, of Jefferson, Ga., says:—"When I first took Wine of Cardui I had been married three years, but could not have any children. Nine months later I had a fine girl baby."

RUNNING SORE ON HIS ANKLE.

After Six Years of Intense Suffering, Promptly Cured

By S. S. S. entire circulation is in a depraved condition. They are a severe drain upon the system, and are constantly sapping away the vitality. In every case the poison must be eliminated from the blood, and no amount of external treatment can have any effect.

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A Special Normal Course for those preparing to teach, including:—

A review of the Public School branches;
Frequent written examinations;
Practical class work by the pupils;
Prominence given to Civil Government; with other practical features make this an excellent school for those preparing to teach.

For further information, address

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POSITIONS SECURED.

In the last few days students from the Knoxville Business College have accepted positions with the following firms:

- One young man bookkeeper for the Union Lumber Co., Jarratts, N. C.
- One young man bookkeeper for the American Handle Co., Knoxville.
- One young man stenographer for R. G. Dunn & Co., this city.
- Two young men with the Holston National bank, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Another young man is called for by the largest wholesale grocery in the south.
- One young lady stenographer by a large wholesale house in this city.
- Others are coming in to fill the ranks thus depleted.

WISE DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. T. KILGORE, Editor.

Local and Otherwise.

Circuit Court is still in session.

Hon. H. A. W. Skeen and W. H. Bond have been nominated by the Democratic caucus of the Virginia legislature for circuit and county judges respectively. It is quite likely that they have been elected by this time.

MEASRS. Milburn Gilliam and wife and W. E. Kilgore, wife and little daughter, Lola, left for Cincinnati Saturday, on a visit. They will return the latter part of this week.

D. B. Williams, a drummer from Knoxville, was in town Tuesday.

D. D. Dull, of Pulaski, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Adington and Mrs. Hurd, of Coeburn, are visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. Ida Cornett, whose illness has heretofore been mentioned in these columns, is still very sick.

C. E. Kilgore, who has been drilling wells in this community, left for his home near Bluefield, Monday.

E. H. Ould, L. G. Scott, J. W. Bates, Wm. Adams and A. F. Litts, of Norton, were here Monday.

W. H. Bond has sold his property on Main street to Mr. Elam, of Appalachia. We understand the consideration was \$1,400. Mr. Elam will move his family here soon.

J. F. Bullitt, R. T. Irvine and Alex. Anderson are up from Big Stone Gap this week.

Gladeville College.

The public school term at Gladeville College closed last Friday. The second, or spring term, will open on Monday, January 1st.

The annual spring term reception will be held at the college on the night of January 1st; and it is hoped that all pupils expecting to attend the school next term will be on hand at the opening. Much depends upon getting an even start. The outlook for the term is very flattering. Memorial services will be held by the students on the night of December 14th, in observance of the one hundred anniversary of the death of Washington.

Obstinate sores and ulcers which refuse to heal under ordinary treatment soon become chronic and deep-seated, and are a sure sign that the entire circulation is in a depraved condition. They are a severe drain upon the system, and are constantly sapping away the vitality. In every case the poison must be eliminated from the blood, and no amount of external treatment can have any effect.

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